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PSC SETS HEARING SCHEDULE IN REQUEST TO EXPAND THE ST. LOUIS MCA

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold hearings **July 6-7, 2006**, in a request filed by the Office of the Public Counsel to expand the current St. Louis Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) plan. Under the MCA, subscribing customers in an MCA exchange can have certain outgoing and incoming toll-free calling benefits and would pay a flat monthly rate for the MCA service.

The Office of the Public Counsel is seeking to expand the St. Louis MCA to include the CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC exchanges of **Foley, Marthasville, Warrenton and Wright City**. The Office of the Public Counsel suggested adding a new Tier 6 to the St. Louis MCA plan and that it be priced the same as Tier 5 exchanges--\$32.50 a month for residential customers and \$70.70 a month for business customers.

The Office of the Public Counsel has proposed the service be optional and would be an additional charge above the charge for local service and any other Extended Area Service (EAS) charges. Customers subscribing to the optional service would be required to change their current telephone numbers.

The **July 6-7, 2006, hearings** will be held in the Commission's offices located in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearings.

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